

# VRIS UPDATE

## Eligibility on the Basis of a Hearing Loss

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### SUMMARY OF UPDATES

The update to the recent new chapter clarifies that when the pure tone average hearing loss in the better ear is between 30 and 39 dB, that the additional score that is needed to determine if there is a significant impediment to employment is either the Speech Discrimination, Speech Recognition, or the Word Recognition Score. Do not use the Speech Detection (SD) score or the Speech Reception Threshold (SRT).

The most recent updates are noted by the bolded bar in the right hand margin.

### VRIS POSTING

This chapter is posted to VRIS: Program Manual: Employment Program: [Eligibility on the Basis of a Hearing Loss.](#)

### TEAM COMMUNICATION

I have been monitoring compliance with the chapter. Primary non-compliance being noted is that pure tone average hearing loss or each ear is not being noted in the impairment screen as requested in the chapter.

	Impairment	Cause	Rank	
▶	Voice, Speech, Hearing & Vestibular Right Ear 38.33 dB Left Ear 41.67 dB	hearing impairment	Primary	 
				

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